



## John R. Atkins Sr.

September 9, 1921 - June 9, 2015

McDonald Funeral Home, Inc

Obituary For: John Rudisell Atkins Sr.

Residence: Hohenwald, TN

Age: 93

Date of birth: September 09, 1921

Birthplace: Hamilton AL

Died: Tuesday, June 09, 2015

Father: John Keifer Atkins

Mother: Josie Mae (Rudicell) Atkins

Marital Status: Widowed

Employment: Laborer

Deceased has resided in: Hohenwald

The funeral will be held at: McDonald Funeral Home, Inc. Friday, June 12, 2015 at 11:00 AM

The officiating clergy: Tim Wachtsretter

Burial will take place: Friday, June 12, 2015 in the Swiss Cemetery

Located at: Hohenwald, Tennessee

Visitation will be: Thursday, June 11, 2015 , 5:00 PM at McDonald Funeral Home, Inc.

Additional Information:

Survivors Include:

John R. Atkins (Mass), Son - Hohenwald, TN

Merle Cowie (Deborah), Son - Byhalia, MS

Linda Perry, Daughter - Hamilton, AL

Merlene Hilley, Daughter - Puntagorda, FL

Evonne Staggs (Brent), Daughter - Hohenwald, TN

Vicky Hensley (Johnny), Daughter - Cordova, TN

Melody Carroll, Daughter - Hohenwald, TN

Terri Wachtstetter (Tim), Daughter - Searcy, AR

16 Grandchildren

11 GreatGrandchildren

Preceded in Death by:

Vivian Atkins, Wife

David Atkins, Son

John Keifer Atkins, Father

Josie Mae Rudicell Atkins, Mother

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ I remember every Friday as a kid paw paw would take me to the Natchez Trace to walk trails and we would go over the history of what happened where we walked.He bought a metal detector and we had many adventures with that.Or watching Alabama games with paw.I could go on and on about the memories I have with him.He was one of the best men I have ever known

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David Atkins - April 17, 2025 at 02:48 PM

DA

“ Me and my grandpa used to go to the Natchez Trace and walk nature trails together and read the history on the signs.Ill never forget those days.Rest in peace paw paw.The best man I ever knew.

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David Atkins - April 17, 2025 at 02:36 PM

DA

“ David Atkins lit a candle in memory of John R. Atkins Sr.



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david atkins - December 11, 2023 at 08:59 PM

SO

“ I wish you would have made it to 100. I loved you a lot grandfather. You were truly one of the most intelligent men ever. I say that humbly. I remember the summers at your house with Nanna. Happiest times ever was then. Time goes on but our soul lives on. You are never forgotten by those that truly care. I am proud you were my grandfather on this earth.



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**Summer Perry Ott** - March 02, 2016 at 07:41 AM

 Lesia  
Atkins

“ Sorry for your loss. I have been working a little on family tree and stumbled across this. My Grandfather was Jack Haskell Atkins, I remember his siblings were, Ann, Lucille, Rufus, Homer, and Johnny Red (Nickname I presume). Was a bit curious if this might be the John Atkins that lived in Key West a bit? I hope I have not offended anyone bu commenting here. Again very sorry for your loss...  
Lesia Atkins,  
[lesia.atkins@me.com](mailto:lesia.atkins@me.com)



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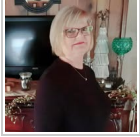
**Lesia Atkins** - November 16, 2015 at 11:54 PM

BB

“ sorry I missed the service, he was one of my best cousins, have a lot of good memories! He carried me and Bunk on a trip to Key West Fl. which we really enjoyed! All memories are good from him!  
Sincerely, Bill Ballard

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**Billy Ballard** - June 14, 2015 at 02:55 PM



“ *Evonne Staggs lit a candle in memory of John R. Atkins Sr.*



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**Evonne Staggs** - June 12, 2015 at 11:27 PM

JS

“ *Jen Schneider lit a candle in memory of John R. Atkins Sr.*



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**Jen Schneider** - June 12, 2015 at 12:42 PM

JW

“ *Praying for your family.  
Dwight and Judy Wilson  
Clinton, AR*

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**Judy Wilson** - June 11, 2015 at 12:05 PM

RV

“ *Ralph & Wanda Vineyard lit a candle in memory of John R. Atkins Sr.*



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**Ralph & Wanda Vineyard** - June 10, 2015 at 01:42 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of John R. Atkins Sr. .*



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June 10, 2015 at 12:13 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John R. Atkins Sr. .*



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June 10, 2015 at 08:54 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John R. Atkins Sr. .*



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June 10, 2015 at 01:00 AM